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September 20, 1963

Mr. Mark Tom Hicks, Sr.
P. O. Box 104
Russellville, Alabama

Dear Mark:

I deeply appreciate the trouble you went to in letting me know about your father's death. I have made a point to see all of the men at the school and most of the people here in town who knew and respected you telling them of Brother Hicks' passing.

I know of nothing in the last several years that hurt any more than to be unable to come to Henderson and be with you and the family. I know the kind of friend your father was to me and to others young preachers. He never made a point of publicizing it or capitalizing on it but running deeply and truly was a genuine concern rarely seen in older and more able preachers. For so many reasons FHC will be unable to find a complete replacement for him.

I felt that the only adequate way I could express my feeling was to attend the funeral and be with you but circumstances here with the Smithville meeting simply would not allow it. If there is anything that you think I could do I want you to know that I sincerely invite your suggestion. I know the loss which you are feeling is deep and inexpressible. I send you my deepest concern and sympathy.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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